

# WORKSHEET LESSON #11

## Alcohol and Driving:

*The first part of the body affected by alcohol is:*

the brain, particularly the part of the brain that allows you to think clearly and make good decisions

*The second part of the body affected by alcohol is:*

muscle control— including the small muscles in the eye

*The third part of the body affected by alcohol is:*

hearing, speech, vision, and balance

*The fourth part of the body affected by alcohol is:*

breathing and heartbeat (autonomic systems) can become impaired potentially leading to coma and death

What are some factors that affect the level of BAC?

- **Gender:** Alcohol does not affect men and women equally.
- **Body weight:** Your weight affects the percentage of alcohol in your blood.
- **Strength of the drink:** The stronger the beverage consumed, the higher the BAC will rise.
- **Size of drink:** A larger drink will contain more alcohol, and result in a higher BAC than a smaller drink of the same alcohol strength.
- **Food:** Food in the stomach does not absorb alcohol, but it can slow the rate at which alcohol is absorbed.
- **Time spent drinking:** The faster a drinker consumes alcohol, the more quickly BAC will reach its peak.

The only thing that will sober you up is: **Time**

What Blood Alcohol level is evidence of legal intoxication: **.08%**

Describe the following alcohol related laws:

❖ **Zero Tolerance Law:**

(BAC .02 - .07) It is illegal for a driver under age 21 to consume any alcohol

❖ **Implied Consent Law:**

By driving a car in NYS you are considered to have already given your consent to take such a [chemical] test.

❖ **Open Bottle Law:**

It is a traffic infraction for a driver or passenger in a motor vehicle on a public highway, street or road, to drink an alcoholic beverage, or to possess an alcoholic beverage with the intent of drinking it.

❖ **Leandra's Law:**

First-time offenders driving while intoxicated or impaired by drugs with a child less than 16 years old in the vehicle may be charged with a class E felony (AGG-DWI), punishable by up to four years in State prison.

Why should you avoid driving in the left lane after midnight?

If someone who is impaired by drugs or alcohol gets on the highway going the wrong way, odds are that the will come at you in the left lane (*what they think is their right lane*)